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An apparatus for triggering restraint devices (17) is provided featuring crash sensors inside and outside of a control unit (15). The apparatus checks a crash signal of the crash sensors using a plausibility signal. To check the crash signal, the apparatus receives the plausibility signal from a vehicle sensor (15, 16) outside of the control unit (11), and then triggers the restraint devices (17) as a function of the crash signal and the first plausibility signal.